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SUBJECT: EXIM FINANCING FOR US SALES TO SUDAN

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1. RE QUESTIONS PARA 2 REFTTEL CONCERNING ASALAYA SUGAR COMPANY, IT IS PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANY MANAGED BY THE SUDANESE SUGAR AND BEVERAGE CORPORATION. PROJECT INCLUDES SUGAR PLANTATION OF APPROXIMATELY 37,000 FEDDANS (1 FEDDAN - 1.038 ACRES) AND A SUGAR REFINERY (CAPACITY OF 110,000 METRIC TONS PER YEAR). PROJECT HAS BEEN FINANCED BY \$70 MILLION LOAN FROM ARAB AFRICAN BANK (75 PERCENT) AND SUDAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (25 PERCENT). FIRST PRODUCTION IS PLANNED IN 1979. PROCUREMENT FOR MILL AND REFINERY IS ON TURNKEY BASIS FROM UK. WITH PRESENT PROJECT PLANS, MAXIMUM POTENTIAL US PROCUREMENT WOULD BE ABOUT \$3 MILLION, PRIMARILY FOR FARM EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, PLANS ENVISAGE MANUAL HARVESTING. THUS, THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT PROJECT COULD REQUIRE UP TO \$10 MILLION IN CANE HARVESTING EQUIPMENT IN EARLY 1980'S WHICH COULD COME FROM US SUPPLIERS.

2. RE SALE OF HARLEY-DAVIDSON POLICE MOTORCYCLES TO PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT, THE PRESIDENT'S PALACE GUARD IS POLICE RPT POLICE ORGANIZATION NOT MILITARY.

3. EMBASSY CANNOT PERCEIVE ANY POLITICAL, COMMERCIAL OR OTHER REASONS WHY EXIM BANK SHOULD NOT CONSIDER UNCLASSIFIED

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